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<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 23-37 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the opportunity to present these claims in a continuation application. Dependent claim 38 has been amended to independent form. No new matter has been added.

<u>Allowed Claims 40-44</u>

The Office Action dated November 14, 2006 indicated that claims 40-44 were allowed. These claims remain in the allowed form.

<u>Claims 38-39</u>

The Office Action indicated that dependent claim 38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 38 has been rewritten in independent form to including all of the elements of previously presented claim 23. Prompt allowance of claims 38-39 is requested.

<u>Concluding Remarks</u>

Nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the claim amendments herein does not signify concession of unpatentability of claims 23-37 prior to the amendments herein. Applicants hereby specifically reserve the right to prosecute the previously presented subject matter of claims 23-37 (prior to the amendment herein) in a continuation application. Also, Applicants hereby specifically reserve the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation application. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on the amendments made herein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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